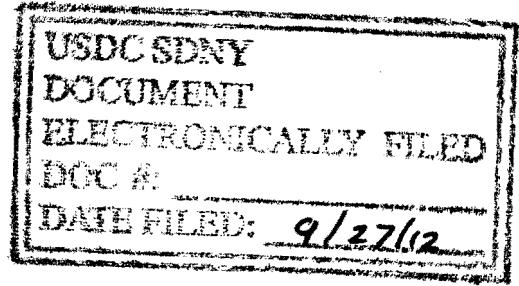


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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RICHARD A. WILLIAMSON, ON
BEHALF OF AND AS TRUSTEE FOR
AT HOME BONDHOLDERS'
LIQUIDATING TRUST,

Plaintiff,

-against-

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.,
VERIZON SERVICES CORP., VERIZON
CORPORATE RESOURCES GROUP LLC,
VERIZON DATA SERVICES LLC,
VERIZON NEW YORK, INC.,
AT&T INC., AT&T OPERATIONS, INC.,
AT&T SERVICES, INC.,

Defendants.
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ORDER

PITMAN, United States Magistrate Judge:

I write to memorialize the rulings I made during tape-recorded conference calls conducted on July 27 and July 30, 2012, and to address additional issues that the parties have raised since those calls:

1. The fact discovery deadline is extended to October 2, 2012.

2. The AT&T defendants' application to make a spoliation motion is granted. Defendants shall serve their motion no later than October 16, 2012; plaintiff

shall serve his opposition brief no later than November 6, 2012; defendants shall serve their reply briefs no later than November 20, 2012. Defendants are directed to coordinate with each other in an effort to limit redundancy between their briefs.

3. The AT&T defendants' objection to topic 13 of plaintiff's Rule 30(b)(6) notice is sustained.

4. Plaintiff's letter application for reconsideration of my decision sustaining the AT&T defendants' objection to topic 13 of plaintiff's 30(b)(6) notice is sustained. Plaintiff has failed to identify any controlling law or facts that were called to my attention in connection with the initial application that were overlooked; there is, therefore, no basis for reconsideration.

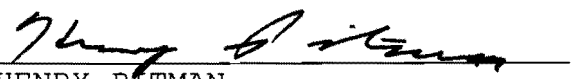
5. Plaintiff's application for leave to move to amend its infringement contentions is granted. Plaintiff is directed to make its motion as soon as practicable.

6. A conference call will be held on October 1, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the parties' dispute

concerning the protective order.¹ In that regard, I note that plaintiff is correct that the burden is on the party seeking the protective order to show good cause for the order. Thus, the possible absence of prejudice to plaintiff is immaterial in the absence of an initial showing of good cause for the protection sought. Among the central questions the parties' joint letter did not answer are: (1) what is the specific nature of the non-public financial information from which Williamson is sought to be excluded and (2) how would disclosure of that information to Williamson result in competitive or other injury to an AT&T entity.

Dated: New York, New York
September 26, 2012

SO ORDERED


HENRY PITMAN
United States Magistrate Judge

¹If any attorney is unable to participate in a conference call on the date and time indicated, he or she is to confer with all other counsel to identify three other dates and times that are convenient to all attorneys during the week of October 1, 2012. Counsel seeking the adjournment is then to advise my Deputy, Mr. Bruce Hampton ((212) 805-6112) of those alternative dates and times.

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